

A REPORT TO THE COUNTY

(A series of statements to be read in conjunction with the showing of 59 slides simulating what a county extension staff could prepare as a visual annual report to the people.)

The Cooperative Extension Service was created by Act of Congress in 1914 as an educational service to help rural people with farm and home problems.

Every year all extension agents prepare an annual report for the County Commissioners, State College of Agriculture, and United States Department of Agriculture. This year our County Extension Agents, Mr. P. W. Walton, Joe Thomas, and Miss Mary Lake, thought it would be a good idea to prepare a report to the people of Adams County showing some of the important phases of the county extension program being carried on. Working with 3000 farm and rural families would be too big a job for three extension agents if it were not for the cooperation of local people and organizations.

1. Always ready to support the program are our County Commissioners, Mr. Sears of Muscatine, Mr. Ward of Wapello, and Mr. Roe of Carter.
2. Some of the folks on our county agricultural planning committee, Bert Ross, Clem Morgan, Mrs. Sam Sneed, and L. T. Lambert.
4. Last year we had 24 home demonstration clubs with a total membership of 1100 women. The county home demonstration council is made up of officers of these clubs.

Here we have: The President of the County Council, Mrs. Al Belton, leading a meeting of the County Council.

6. The County 4-H Club Council was headed by Caroline Foster shown here with a few of the 200 quarts of fruits and vegetables she canned last summer.
7. Other County 4-H Council members are: Rose Simmons, Betty Davis, Hazel Lee, Shirley Pann, Cecil Road, Wilson Glenn and Bert Jackson.
8. Mrs. Alice Longfellow, County Superintendent of Schools, has done a great deal to promote 4-H Club activities in the schools of the County.
9. Here we see a meeting of the Sunshine 4-H Club at Lakeview in session.
10. One of the outstanding 4-H Clubs in the County last year was that in forestry directed by James Madison.
11. Here is Wilma Sharp with her two 4-H Club entries in the County Beef Club.

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12. Rose Clark and Carroll James are shown at work preparing their school lunches. This was one of the activities of many of the club girls the past year.
13. The most inspiring 4-H Club activity of the year was the candlelight ceremony at the State 4-H Club Camp in which 250 boys and girls and their leaders took part.
14. The success of 4-H Club work depends upon willing and able leaders. Here we see Mrs. Clara Stewart and her home furnishings club of Green Valley. Mrs. Stewart has been a 4-H Club leader for 8 years.
15. Ben Foss talks over the work of the Mile High 4-H Club with George Rider, the Club President.
16. Another outstanding leader of girls' club work was Mrs. Cliff Smith of Trent who completed 22 years as a 4-H Club leader this year.
17. Mrs. Elmer Watts is shown helping members of her handicraft 4-H Club of Bay City in a meeting at her own home.
18. Dr. Wilber Stewart, President of the State Agricultural College, is presenting 4-H leader certificates at the Annual Farmers' Day Banquet.
19. Seventy-nine farm women of the County entered the home beautification contest in 1944. Here we see the winner, Mrs. Ruth Bailey, her two daughters and the Home Demonstration Agent.
20. An important activity in the county home demonstration work is the kitchen improvement program.
21. Twenty-seven of the County's schools have a daily hot school lunch for the children. This is due to the efforts of home demonstration clubs in cooperation with schools and others.
22. The difficulty of securing quality dresses and fabrics has increased the importance of safe dry cleaning. Here is a part of the Sunnyside Home demonstration Club learning safe practices in dry cleaning.
23. Here is a sample of what our girls are learning to do in 4-H Club work. This is but a small part of the exhibit at the County Fair.
24. No doubt the most popular extension activity last year was the home food supply program. Here is Mrs. Art Smelton with a part of her supply of home canned foods. Looks good, doesn't it?
25. Good farm gardens were the basis of our successful home food supply last year. How do you like Mrs. Norman Brown's garden?
26. Harvest time tells the story of improved practices, good seed, and timely operation. Our potato acreage has doubled in 15 years and yields are 20 percent higher.
27. The quality of our celery is known in many markets. Here is the field of Joe Rocco who attributes the fine quality and high yield to the help he had from the Extension Service and the Experiment Station people.



31. One of the oldest activities of the Extension Service in the County is crop improvement. Here is a temporary crib of hybrid corn which is now grown on almost every farm in the County.
32. Alfalfa and wheat show the work of the Experiment Station and the promotion of the use of better seed by the Extension Service. This field of wheat made 54 bushels to the acre for Al Stone of Black Island.
33. Farm machinery repair was promoted through the cooperative effort of the Extension Service and John Grew, Smith-Hughes teacher of the County Union High School. Forty-seven 10-day farm machinery schools with a total enrollment of 650 were conducted during the past year.
34. This house was completed on the farm of Sam Sneed just before winter set in. Under recent National legislation, a vigorous program is under way to help folks who plan to build or remodel farm dwellings or other buildings.
36. Through the work of 4-H Club members and the beef improvement work with adult farmers, the number of cattle fattened in the County has increased from 2000 head annually to 17000 in the last 18 years.
37. Here is Fred Adams with a part of his purebred Jersey herd which averaged 510 pounds of butter fat in the Herd Improvement Association last year. Mr. Adams is also leader of the dairy 4-H Club in Centerville and is a member of the county planning committee.
38. Will Gordon with a few of his feeder pigs. Mr. Gordon maintains 15 brood sows and handles them under the McLean plan which is the basis of the Extension Swine Sanitation Program. He also is a member of the County Agricultural Planning Committee.
39. There are now over 100 farm flocks of sheep in the County according to Mr. Walton. Fifteen years ago there were only 3. These belong to A. C. Turner of Starr.
40. Betty Price, a member of the Deer Creek 4-H Riding Club which was organized last year. Mr. Alec Hoffman is leader of the Club.
41. Through proper culling and management of her chickens, Mrs. Jackson has been able to maintain a flock average of 200 eggs per hen for more than 5 years.
42. Here is Will Jarvis, lumber dealer in Columbus, talking over the poultry club work with Jim Anderson who lives near Columbus. Mr. Jarvis had led a poultry club in his community for more than 10 years.
43. From a few scattered turkeys in 1915, our County now markets nearly 10 carloads of dressed turkeys for the eastern markets. This flock of 800 birds belongs to Otto Bromwell near Cedar.



44. "Service with a smile" would fit here. Mrs. Alice Penny, our efficient Extension office secretary; Judge Henry Clay, publisher of the County weekly paper, and Jim White, friendly manager of Station SMAX shown planning the news coverage of the Annual Harvest Festival and 4-H Fair.
45. Our county extension office keeps local people informed on pest and disease control by indicating the kind of treatment and time of application. Here are Walter Church and his grandson who live west of Akron mixing up a garden spray.
46. Here we are in the Upper Bitter Creek Valley looking out over a weed control district organized through the efforts of the County Planning Committee, Extension Service and our County Commissioners to control Canadian thistle and other perennial weeds.
47. The county agricultural planning committee promoted the formation of the county soil conservation district. Here is L. A. Tigert on the left talking with Ben Gibbs about the work of the district. Both are supervisors.
48. Another supervisor elected by the voters of the district is Thomas Lihen. The other two supervisors of the Board of five are J. A. Croft and Luke Glassner.
49. Here is some of the strip cropping on the farm of Mr. Lihen which follows recommendations of the Soil Conservation and Extension Service.
50. Pasture management and controlled grazing is evident in the field on the right. This is just inside the district boundary of the western part of the county.
51. We all know this good friend of 4-H Club work and improved farm and home activities. Mr. Russell Warren, sitting at the end of the table, is the county key banker appointed by the State Bankers' Association to represent the bankers in agricultural improvement work. He is talking over the county's agriculture with a group of foreign visitors.
52. Here is a group of county planning committee members at the August picnic put on by the county young men and women's council. This council is in its second year and represents 135 young men and women between 18 and 35. Officers of the council are members of the county agricultural planning committee.
- 52A. Jim Lane, Mary Cope, Helen Niles, Will Stoner, and Lucy Hill, officers of the young men and women's council. Henry Barnes is also a member.
53. Much of the Extension Work carried on in the county is related closely to the activities of the three farm organizations. Here is Bert Summers and his family of Creston. Mr. Summers is president of the County Farm Bureau.



54. Pat Riley, President of the County Farmers' Union, is talking with Mr. Walton about a recent bulletin on cooperative marketing. Mr. Riley has two boys and one girl in 4-H Club work.
55. Mr. Amos Smith is shown here holding a young Jersey bull which he recently bought in Ohio. Mr. Smith is Master of the Pomona Grange. Standing behind the bull is Clarence Wiley, Tester of the County Herd Improvement Association.
56. The Extension Service working with the planning committee and the home demonstration council secured quarters and helped organize the farmers' market in Muscatine as well as the farm women's market in Clifton.
57. The Clifton Market operates one day each week throughout the year.
58. One of the most vigorous groups supporting Extension Work in the County is the agricultural committee of the Chamber of Commerce in Muscatine. This committee has won national recognition for its fine work.
60. Here is what our County Agent looks like when he stops long enough to eat at home.
61. The county extension offices, in this State, are an off campus part of the State Agricultural College. This is part of the College campus.
62. Extension agents are also representatives of the USDA.

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The people of Adams County are to be congratulated on their good work for:

63. Efficient production.
64. Healthy families in comfortable homes.
65. Their pride in the American Way.



